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Cammini delle alte colline ombrose e delle colline chiare: Stage 6: Frazione Sanico - Moncalvo
Utilization
Cycle touring
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
8.10 km

Tempo
2 hours

Stage
6

Max altitude
315 m

Ascent elevation gain
70 m

Difficulty
Easy

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Frazione Sanico
15021 Alfiano Natta AL
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.22068 45.04127)
Altitude
245 m
Arrival address

Moncalvo
Piazza Garibaldi
14036 Moncalvo AT
Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.26541 45.04919)
Arrival altitude
315 m

Descrizione

The route connects the municipality of Sanico, Alfiano Natta, with Moncalvo. It is 8.5 km long. Estimated travel time: 2 hours and 5 minutes. The difference in level is 70 m.

When you are in Sanico go down Via San Pietro for about 90 m, then take the first dirt road on the left. After 250 m turn right and pass through the farmlands for about 600 m. At the intersection keep the left until you reach the paved road. After 80 m turn left. Go straight ahead on the dirt road for about 1,5 km. Go along the company “Fassa Bortolo” building in Località Gessi.

Go past the building, go straight ahead until you reach an intersection. Keep going down on Strada Provinciale 13.

After less than a kilometer you come to an intersection again. Turn right into Strada Provinciale 57d.

The route continues on Strada Provinciale that also goes through farmlands, then Via Roma in Moncalvo, where the appeal of the medieval city meets a unique landscape of hills. Moncalvo, which is the smallest city of Italy, has been the capital of the Marquisate of Monferrato for a long time and it is now one of the main municipalities of this area. Situated to the northeast of Asti, right on the border of the Province of Alessandria, it stands on a hill of 305 m above sea level.

Its castle had one the strongest fortification in the area: large towers and massive walls can be seen in the big Carlo Alberto square.

Moncalvo has been home to a flourishing Jewish community until 1939. Today only small traces of the synagogue and the ghetto, which was on Via General Montanari and Via IV Marzo, are visible. The cemetery, on the way to Alessandria, has ancient tombs, mostly from the 18th century.

The main artistic heritage of the city is represented by the so-called “Il Moncalvo” Guglielmo Caccia and his daughter Orsola Maddalena. In fact, their masterpieces enrich the church of St Francesco, with its museum, and the church of Sant’Antonio Abate. It is also important to mention the church of Madonna delle Grazie, built in the 16th century and designed by Magnocavalli; and the ruins of the castle with tunnels that hosted guards ready to prevent looting and enemy attacks for years.

Nowadays, the ruins of the castle of Moncalvo together with its tunnels represent a quite unique feature for the city that has become a pole of cultural excellence.

Public transport access
Yes

Recommended period

All Year round

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Devotional relevance
No

Historical relevance
No

Dettagli

Code
CCC

Classification
Provincial

Province
Alessandria
Asti

Ultima data di aggiornamento
24/10/2024

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
B&b casa rovelli
Casa degli artisti
Casa rovelli
Casale osvalda

Crealto
Da nonna carla
I mandorli
Relais castello di razzano
Cascina orsolina
Cascina spinerola
Cascina valeggia
La corte
La locanda del melograno
La quercia rossa
Rooms
Samarcanda
Sottocastello
Villaggio cascinot

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No

Province names
Alessandria, Asti